

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

JASON JOHNSON,

Defendant.

**INDICTMENT**

24 Cr.

**24 CRIM 131**

**COUNT ONE**  
(Wire Fraud)

The Grand Jury charges:

1. From at least in or about December 2020 through at least in or about September 2021, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, JASON JOHNSON, the defendant, knowingly having devised and intending to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud, and for obtaining money and property by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, transmitted and caused to be transmitted by means of wire, radio, and television communication in interstate and foreign commerce, writings, signs, signals, pictures, and sounds, for the purpose of executing such scheme and artifice, to wit, JOHNSON used the identities of other persons to fraudulently obtain unemployment insurance benefits from New York State, and sent and received, and caused others to send and receive, intra-bank electronic communications and other electronic communications, to and from the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, in furtherance of that scheme.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1343 and 2.)

**COUNT TWO**  
**(Aggravated Identity Theft)**

The Grand Jury further charges:

2. From at least in or about December 2020 through at least in or about September 2021, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, JASON JOHNSON, the defendant, knowingly transferred, possessed, and used, without lawful authority, a means of identification of another person, during and in relation to a felony violation enumerated in Title 18, United States Code, Section 1028A(c), to wit, JOHNSON used and transferred the names and Social Security numbers of other persons during and in relation to the wire fraud violation charged in Count One of this Indictment.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1028A(a)(1), 1028A(b), and 2.)

**FORFEITURE ALLEGATION**

3. As a result of committing the offense alleged in Count One of this Indictment, JASON JOHNSON, the defendant, shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), any and all property, real and personal, that constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to the commission of said offense, including but not limited to a sum of money in United States currency representing the amount of proceeds traceable to the commission of said offense.

**Substitute Assets Provision**

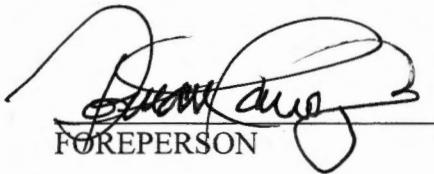
4. If any of the above-described forfeitable property, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant:

- a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third person;

- c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;
- d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
- e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be subdivided without difficulty

it is the intent of the United States pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), to seek forfeiture of any other property of the defendant up to the value of the above forfeitable property.

(Title 18, United States Code, Section 981;  
Title 21, United States Code, Section 853; and  
Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461.)



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FOREPERSON



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DAMIAN WILLIAMS  
United States Attorney